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SUBJECT:

While You Were Away

Testimony on Defectors: We are preparing testimony for your appearance on 8 October before Senator Nunn's Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations. The focus of the hearing will be on how the United States can better take advantage of non-intelligence defectors from the Communist bloc. You will be the first witness, along with General Odom. On the second day, various defectors and private resettlement agencies will appear. The hearing is open and your testimony is unclassified.

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New Moscow Chancellery Strategy: State Department is taking the initiative to inform Congress of the options for reconstructing the Moscow Embassy that you and Secretary Shultz agreed to. They propose that Deputy Secretary Whitehead and the DDCI appear jointly.

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Justice-FBI-DoD-CIA Counterterrorism Operation:
Congressional reactions were generally positive. Chairmen Boren and Stokes as well Senator Cohen and Messrs. Hyde, Beilenson, McCurdy, and Lungren commended CIA on its decision to brief the Committee leadership prior to initiation of the operation and then follow up with a full Committee briefing after the operation was completed.

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Future meetings with Oversight Committee Leaders: Your next meeting with Chairman Boren and Vice Chairman Cohen is set for 30 September at the Senate Intelligence Committee, and your next meeting with Chairman Stokes and Mr. Hyde will be held on 1 October over breakfast in your dining room. Chairman Chappel and Mr. McDade will probably not be available for a meeting with you until after Appropriations Committees have completed their work on the continuing resolution.

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Other Scheduled Congressional Contacts: In addition to the leadership meetings, Representative Richard Ray (D., GA) will meet you in your office for 10 minutes on 2 October. Mr. Ray, who requested the meeting, is a key player on Nicaragua. You are also giving breakfasts for Representative Dick Cheney (R., WY), Senator Bob Graham, (D., FL), Senator Edward Kennedy (D., MA) and Senator Lloyd Bentsen (D., TX) at various times during October.

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